

BOATING ORDINANCE
(Ord. No. 96-36)

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:

An Ordinance to regulate boating on the rivers and streams of Jefferson County.

SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT. (a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the rivers and streams of Jefferson County.

(b) The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department which is authorized to issue citations in accordance with Section 66.119, Wis. Stats., for violations of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. INTENT. The intent of this ordinance is to permit the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department to issue citations for violations of state boating laws incorporated herein.

SECTION 3. Sections 30.50 through 30.71, Wis. Stats. (1995), inclusive, except Sections 30.67, 30.68(2) and 30.681(2) are incorporated herein and hereby adopted by reference, including all changes and amendments hereafter made thereto.

SECTION 4. SLOW - NO WAKE AREA. The term "Slow - No Wake Area" shall mean that area within which boats and/or watercraft shall be operated at the slowest speed at which said boat and/or watercraft can be operated and still maintain forward motion and steering control. Slow - No Wake Areas shall be so designated by notices posted at points of public access and buoys.

No person shall operate a boat and/or watercraft at greater than Slow-No-Wake speed on any portion of the Rock River downstream from the Dodge/Jefferson County lines to the West Milwaukee Street Bridge when the water level at the USGS gauge 0542550 (Rock River @ Watertown) is 3.5 feet above Datum gauge height of 792.38; and

No person shall operate a boat and/or watercraft at greater than Slow-No-Wake speed on any portion of the Rock River downstream from the West Milwaukee Street Bridge (Watertown) to Lake Koshkonong when the water level at the USGS gauge 05427235 (Lake Koshkonong near Newville) is 8 feet above Datum gauge height of 769.77. [Ord. 2014-26, 11-12-14]

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. For violations of the incorporated statutory sections above, the penalties shall be the Wisconsin State Boating Penalties as found in Section 30.80, Wis. Stats., which is hereby adopted by reference with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted. Deposits for citations issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be those established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule promulgated by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference which is hereby adopted by reference, with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and including all applicable state assessments and court costs.

SECTION 6. SCHEDULE OF CASH DEPOSITS. Jefferson County Ordinance No. 96-17 is hereby amended to include the applicable portions of the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule described above for citations issued for violations of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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